

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBERS ANNE FAUVER AND CEASAR C. MITCHELL

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR
THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has been and continues to be a burgeoning international city and destination for visitors from throughout the region, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, because of this destination status, the City of Atlanta has developed a vibrant and successful nightlife culture; and

WHEREAS, this vibrant nightlife culture in the City of Atlanta is manifested and supported by a high concentration of nightclubs and stores licensed to sell alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the regulation and enforcement of the city's alcohol licensing code requires substantial manpower and monetary resources; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of establishments contribute to a myriad of problems, including, but not limited to, traffic congestion, lack of police visibility and enforcement, and crowd control; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council is dedicated to providing the resources necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of Atlanta's citizens and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a comprehensive review be done of the City's zoning and alcoholic licensing code; and

WHEREAS, the City approved Ordinance Number 03-O-2149 to provide that licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages be granted during the calendar year 2004 effective only for the period of January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004 to allow for a comprehensive review of the City's alcohol licensing code; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow time for consideration of the legislation introduced as a result of that comprehensive review, the City now wishes to extend the time of those temporary licenses through June 30, 2004; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA,
GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS** as follows:

Section 1. Any person granted a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages pursuant to Section 10-48 or 10-106 of the Code during the calendar year 2004 shall be effective for the period of January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

Section 2. All annual fees for alcohol licenses issued shall be paid, prorated in proportion to the length of time the license is extended accordingly.

Section 3. That all ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict are hereby waived for this instance only.